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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19 and add new claims 20-37 as follows:

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A motorcycle wheel maintenance support, said support comprising:

- a base frame having a pair of opposed side walls;

- a working area defined within said base frame, between said side walls;

- a pair of spaced parallel axles extending transversely across said working area from one said side wall to the other said side wall, each said axle being provided with a pair of spaced rollers adapted to support a motorcycle wheel thereon;

and wherein each member of each said pair of spaced rollers is freely rotatable about its respective axle independently of the other member of said pair, and wherein each pair of rollers co-operates to present a generally V-shaped profile to a motorcycle wheel to be located on said maintenance support.

21. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein each axle is generally cylindrical and each roller is generally conical or frusto-conical.

22. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 21, wherein each axle is freely rotatable relative to the base frame.

23. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein each axle is held stationary relative to the base frame and comprises a central generally V-shaped portion, and each roller is generally cylindrical.

24. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 23, wherein the base frame further comprises a central rib adapted to support said central V-shaped portion of each axle.

25. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein a bearing is located centrally on each axle, said bearing maintaining the separation between each pair of spaced rollers.

26. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein the base frame further comprises a pair of opposed end walls.

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27. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 26, wherein each said end wall is inclined to form a ramp suitable for permitting a motorcycle wheel to enter and exit the working area.

28. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 27, wherein each said ramp is formed with a generally V-shaped cut-out portion adjacent its upper edge, said cut-out portion being aligned with the generally V-shaped profile of the rollers.

29. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein each end of each axle extends through a mounting hole provided in the side walls.

30. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 29, wherein each end of each axle is provided with a bearing adapted to be mounted in a mounting hole.

31. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 30, wherein each said bearing is provided with a flange, to retain the rollers centrally on their respective axles.

32. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 29, wherein the side walls are provided with a series of mounting holes spaced along the length thereof, and the axles are adapted to be removably mounted in said holes, thus enabling the size of the working area to be varied.

33. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 32, wherein each end of each axle is provided with a clip to enable removable mounting of said axle in its respective mounting hole.

34. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 29, wherein the mounting holes take the form of slots, and further comprising retainer plates to retain the axles in said slots.

35. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein the base frame further comprises a generally rectangular base member extending beneath said working area.

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36. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of feet provided on the underside of the base frame.

37. (New) The motorcycle wheel maintenance support of claim 20, wherein the underside of the base frame is provided with an anti-slip material.